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Box Springs/Fair Isle Overcrossing to Undergo Major Facelift To Accommodate Widening of Interstate 215/State Route 60

Local bridge serves as gateway into Moreno Valley and Palm Springs

RIVERSIDE – Hundreds of daily commuters who use the off ramps at the Box Springs/Fair Isle Overcrossing along the I-215/SR60 Freeway will see a change in signal patterns. Caltrans is removing the signals at the northbound Box Springs/Fair Isle off ramp and replacing them with stop signs. The signs will be used to best manage traffic during the 18-month construction effort to rebuild this local bridge.

A Changeable Message Sign has been erected along westbound SR60 at Day Street in Moreno Valley to alert motorists of the signs' presence. Motorists should expect minor delays until drivers become used to using the stop signs as opposed to traffic lights.

The Box Springs/Fair Isle Overcrossing will undergo significant improvements. The existing bridge will be completely removed and a new one built. The new structure will provide an additional 10 feet of vertical clearance to accommodate taller vehicles. The new bridge will also accommodate six lanes of traffic; two lanes in each direction with an additional lane for motorists who need to make left turns. Pedestrians will be able to use a six-foot sidewalk in each direction. Neighboring streets will also be widened to provide smoother access to the new bridge. New northbound ramps will be widened and pushed to the north to accommodate the widening of Interstate 215.

The three freeways that make up this overall improvement project and interchange are critical links between major Inland Empire communities in both Riverside and San Bernardino counties. They serve as a route for commuter and commercial traffic throughout the region. This interchange carried nearly 314,000 daily vehicles in 2003 and served more than 332,000 vehicles in 2004.

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Box Springs/Fair Isle Bridge Rebuilt

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This work is part of the \$317 million effort to implement the 60/91/215 Freeway Improvement Project. Caltrans, the Riverside County Transportation Commission (RCTC), and the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) are working in partnership to construct improvements to this project. The overall project spans a distance of nearly seven miles from the Eucalyptus Ave. Overcrossing at I-215 northbound to the Columbia Ave. Overcrossing over I-215 and westbound to where 14th St. crosses over State Route 91 in Riverside. This project is one of the largest and most complex public works projects in the Inland Empire. It should be finished by late 2007.

For project updates, call Caltrans directly at 1-866-60-91-215, or view the Web site at <http://www.dot.ca.gov/dist8/6091215/schedule.htm>

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